

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

Commissioner Brainard was absent but left written votes with the Commission Secretary.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick  
Utility Division

(48) In the matter of Qwest Communications, Docket No. N2003.1.9; On January 17, 2003 Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-03 DID Digit Manipulation. This filing introduces the option DID Digit Manipulation. Direct-Inward-Dialing (DID) service is a special trunking arrangement which permits incoming calls from the exchange network to reach a specific PBX station directly without an attendant's assistance. The introduction of this DID Digit Manipulation option will allow Qwest to charge for this service on an individual case basis. Qwest is requesting a February 15, 2003 effective date. Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Schneider dissented.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(49) In the matter of TN2169; Badlands, Inc. dba Badlands Taxi, Miles City, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 417 to Shawn B. Armstrong and Joseph E. Boyt, Sr. dba A & B Enterprise, Miles City, Montana for a 6 month period February 4, 2003 to August 4, 2003.

SUB A Class B - Persons in the City of Miles City, Montana and between points tributary thereto, but not exceeding a distance of fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the lease. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard voted aye.

(50) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 27, 2003. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Brainard voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Bob Rowe, Chairman  
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Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(51) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to strike "billing agent or" language in SB 290/LC 1584. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which failed with a vote of 1 to 4. Commissioner Jergeson voted aye. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe, Schneider and Stovall dissented.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Laura Calkin

(52) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of personnel, excess annual leave and exempt comp time; Commissioner Jergeson moved to allow Will Rosquist, Joel Tierney and Mike Lee to extend their excess leave time for 2002 to September 30, 2003. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Steve Vick, Eric Eck

(53) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Schneider moved to appear as an informational witness on SB 272 stating preference for LC 1019 approach. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schneider moved to oppose SB 356, and encourage use of other funding to support the bill's good objectives. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Steve Vick

(54) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel; Commissioner Jergeson moved to authorize Marla Larson and Monica Tranel to attend the NARUC Winter Meetings. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Steve Vick, Martin Jacobson  
Monica Tranel, Kate Whitney

(55) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Schneider moved to support SB 290 and continue discussion with proponents. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brainard moved to support HB 504. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion. A substitute motion was offered by Commissioner Jergeson to appear as an informational witness, supplying data and answering questions. Commissioner Schneider seconded the substitute motion, which failed with a vote of 1 to 4. Commissioner Jergeson voted aye. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe, Schneider and Stovall dissented. The original motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Rowe, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Jergeson dissented.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Robin McHugh, Mike Lee

(56) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company and Blackfoot Telecommunications Settlement Agreement, Dockets No. D2000.1.14 and D2000.5.63; Commissioner Brainard moved to adopt the draft as a final order. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion. A substitute motion was offered by Commissioner Schneider to approve the waiver of proposed order as moved by the parties. Commissioner Stovall seconded the substitute motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented. Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the proposed order as a final order, subject to editing. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Monica Tranel, Mike Lee, Kate Whitney, Scott Fabel

(57) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest Long Distance InterLATA Tariff, Docket No. D2002.12.153; Commissioner Stovall moved to grant the motion for interim relief addressing Kate's concerns and concessions (not accept staff recommendation to disapprove the "unlimited" plans). Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion. Commissioner Schneider offered a substitute motion, substituting the above same terms, but lowering the unlimited usage products to 1,250 minutes. Commissioner Stovall seconded the substitute motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Rowe, Schneider and Stovall voted aye. Commissioners Brainard and Jergeson dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 6, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Monica Tranel, Will Rosquist, Mike Lee

(58) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislation; Commissioner Jergeson moved to support SB 290 with additional language that the burden is on the applicant to produce evidence required by toll. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson, Rowe and Stovall voted aye. Commissioner Schneider dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Friday, February 7, 2003, the following members were present:

Bob Rowe, Chairman  
Thomas J. Schneider, Vice Chairman  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Greg Jergeson, Commissioner  
Jay Stovall, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh

(59) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Application Under Federal Law for Montana Megawatts, Docket No. D2002.10.131; Commissioner Schneider moved to revise the draft order to use paragraph 6(b) and 7(b). Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Brainard, Jergeson and Schneider voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and Stovall dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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BOB ROWE, Chairman

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Vice Chairman

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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GREG JERGESON, Commissioner

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JAY STOVALL, Commissioner

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